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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2001 for one (1) month from November 17, 2001 to December 17, 2001.

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